

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the confirmation in paragraph 7 of the Office that the rejections of the claims under § 112 is withdrawn.

Claims 53 – 58, 60 – 63, 66 – 71, 105 – 114 and 141 – 204 are pending. Claims 1 – 35, 72 – 104, and 115 – 140 are canceled by this amendment. Claims 36 – 39, 59 and 64 – 65 were previously canceled.

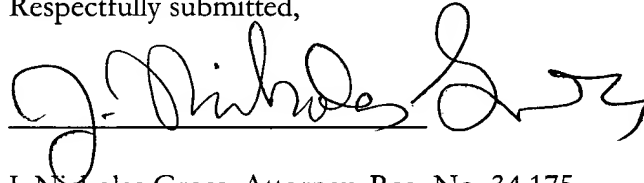
At this time, to expedite prosecution and secure early allowance of the case, Applicant has canceled any claims not allowed by the Examiner. This action is taken without waiver by Applicant to re-present and re-argue the merits of such claims in a continuation application. The remaining rejections, therefore, under paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 8 – 13 are believed to be moot at this time.

CONCLUSION

As only claims indicated as allowed by the Examiner are currently pending, there are no additional issues for the Examiner to consider, and the case should be in condition for allowance.

Should there be any questions concerning the present case, Applicant is available for a telephone conference (415-551-8298) at any convenient time.

Respectfully submitted,



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